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1. INDOCHINA

SVN ASSEMBLY OF "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE" WILL MEET AT SAIGON NEXT WK TO RATIFY REUNIFICATION AGREEMENT (AFP, NYT). SENIOR NVN OFFICIAL AT END 3-DAY PARIS CONFERENCE ON RECONSTRUCTION AID FOR VN CALLS FOR INTL SUPPORT TO MAKE US "REALIZE ITS FULL RESPONSIBILITIES" IN VN RECONSTRUCTION. CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY HUMANITARIAN GROUPS FROM 20 COUNTRIES (REUTER, LAT 12/18). OFFICIAL SVN PAPER CONDEMNS ABUSES, INCLUDING ILLEGAL TAX COLLECTION, BY COMMUNIST ADMIN OFFICIALS (AFP, NYT).

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BUTTERFIELD (NYT) IN VIENTIANE FINDS ATMOSPHERE BLEND OF NOSTALGIA EVER EASY-GOING PAST, ANXIETY ABOUT COMMUNIST RELENTLESS REVOLUTIONARY CAMPAIGN, WITH, FOR SOME YOUNG PEOPLE, ENTHUSIASM AT NEW BEGINNING. FINDS COMMUNISTS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO PUZZLE OUT. OBSERVES ICC SELDOM ACTED, WITH MEMBERS IN EFFECT ON COMFORTABLE, SOMETIMES BLATANTLY LUCRATIVE VACATION; NOTES CANADIANS LEFT, MOSCOW HAS NOT PAID SHARE BUDGET SO US REFUSES PROVIDE MORE AFTER CONTRIBUTING HALF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT. AS RESULT, ICC LEFT WITH UNPAID BILLS ALL AROUND CITY. BUTTERFIELD CONCLUDES NEW LAOS STILL DEFIES EXPLANATION.

WP'S GREENWAY AT VIENTIANE DESCRIBES COMMUNISTS' METHODOICAL DISMANTLING OF MONARCHY. NOTES, UNLIKE THAILAND, KING NEVER PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN POLITICS, EMOTIONS MOST LAOTIANS. REPORTS RUSSIANS REPLACE AMERICANS AS MOST NOTICEABLE FOREIGNERS, WITH MORE ARRIVING EVERY DAY. SAYS FOREIGN REPORTERS NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE VIENTIANE AREA SO NOT POSSIBLE FIND OUT HOW THINGS GOING IN COUNTRYSIDE OR CONFIRM RUMORS OF TROUBLE IN S LAOS. BELIEVES PEOPLE IN COUNTRYSIDE, WHERE LESS EMPHASIS ON IDEOLOGY BY COMMUNISTS, GRATEFUL FOR END TO FIGHTING, RETURN LAW AND ORDER. CONCLUDES THAIS' CLOSING BORDER PLAYED INTO PL HANDS SINCE VIENTIANE RESIDENTS BEING WEANED AWAY FROM DEPENDENCE ON CONSUMER GOODS WITHOUT PL GETTING BLAME.

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

PHILBULL'S LEWIS (12/13) REPORTS PHILADELPHIA IS STOP-OVER FOR 114 CAMBODIANS WHO WANT RETURN HOME. KHMERS STAYING YMCA AT UNHCR EXPENSE UNTIL REPATRIATION ARRANGED. PHILLY CHOSEN AS HOLDING POINT BY VOLAG UNDER UNHCR CONTRACT.

3. AUSTRALIA

NYT'S ANDELMAN AT SYDNEY REPORTS FRASER ANNOUNCED RE-STRUCTURING FEDL GOVT, NAMED 24-MAN CABINET. REALIGNMENT OF MINISTRIES CAUSES SOME CONFUSION; SHAKE-UPS EXPECTED

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CONTINUE (ALSO IN SUN).

4. TIMOR/INDONESIA

FOUR PRO-JAKARTA PARTIES SET UP PROVISIONAL GOVT IN TIMOR, NOW CONTROL ALL STRATEGIC POINTS IN FORMER COLONY. GOI'S MALIK SAYS INDO WOULD HELP TIMORESE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR (REUTER, SUN).

NYT CARRIES AP PHOTO AMSTERDAM POLICE BUILDING SANDBAG WALLS OUTSIDE INDO CONSULATE STILL HELD BY S MOLUCCAN GUNMEN. CAPTION QUOTES POLICE THAT PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS MADE, S MOLUCCAN MEDIATOR WOULD TRY AGAIN TODAY.

5. CHINA

SUN'S SEIDEN IN HK STRUCK BY CONTRAST OF LIFE STYLES BETWEEN COLONY AND PRC. PASSENGERS WHO WERE QUIET,

DISCIPLINED, UNDEMONSTRATIVE IN PRC BREAK INTO BOISTEROUS CONVERSATION, LAUGH LOUDLY, HOLLER AT CHILDREN AFTER BOARDING BRITISH TRAIN AT BORDER. IN CONTRAST PLANNED, ORDERLY FIELDS ON ALL AVAILABLE LAND IN CHINA, HK SCENE PRESENTS PATCHWORK OFF ODD-SHAPED FIELDS SLICED UP BY PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, UNTILLED, OVERGROWN PATCHES OF TROPICAL VEGETATION, AND CROWDED MAKESHIFT TIN SHACKS THAT WERE NOT SEEN AROUND PEKING OR CANTON.

6. KOREA

COURT OF APPEALS SUSPENDED PRISON TERM IMPOSED ON CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER HAHN SEUNG-HUN UNDER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW (WP).

LELYVELD (NYT) NOTES SUNG-MYUNG MOON APPEARED IN HOUSE CAUCUS ROOM THURSDAY, IN WHAT BILLED AS PRAYER BREAKFAST. REP ICHORD (MO) INTRODUCED CULT LEADER, WHOSE SERMON IMPLIED HE MAY BE NEW MESSIAH GOD CHOSE US TO RECEIVE. SAID PROSPERITY WILL BE ETERNAL IN US, IF EMBRACES UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT -- HIS OWN. UNIFICATION CHURCH'S SALONEN EXPECTED 42 CONGRESSMEN, BUT ONLY 14 SHOWED. ABSENT WAS SPEAKER ALBERT, WHOSE HOSPITALITY TO SECT MEMBER SUSAN BERGMAN REPORTED BY JACK ANDERSON LAST WEEK.

7. JAPAN

SPOKESMAN DENIED SANYO ELECTRIC PLANS BUY WHIRLPOOL'S 57 PCT INTEREST IN WARWICK ELECTRONIC. SAID SANYO DIRECTOR ONLY INSPECTING PLANT ON RECENT VISIT (WP).

KUSHIRO AGRIC COOP BOUGHT 2-YR OLD BELGIAN STALLION "CON ELEGANT" FROM MINNESOTA DRAFT HORSE BREEDER FOR 25,000 DOLS (UPI, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

YOST (CSM) PERCEIVES US FOPOLICY ALREADY BEGINNING
DISPLAY CREEPING PARALYSIS THAT OVERCOMES IT EVERY FOUR
YEARS. NOTES WORSE THIS TIME BECAUSE PRES FEARS REAGAN
THREAT FROM GOP RIGHT. ON LEAVING CHINA, FORD AFFIRMED
ADMIN POLICY TO "COMPLETE" PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION
PROMISED IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, YET NO STEP DO SO
TAKEN SINCE "LIAISON OFFICES" ESTABLISHED IN BOTH
CAPITALS SOME TIME AGO. SUGGESTS FAILURE TO MOVE ON

WAS PRINCIPLE REASON FOR CHINESE COOLNESS TO PRES,
SECSTATE, RATHER THAN DISATISFACTION WITH US-SOV
DETENTE.

9. PACIFIC DOCTRINE

PHILBULL (12/13) FINDS 6 POINTS SOMEWHAT MORE THAN
RESTATEMENT GUAM DOCTRINE. BELIEVES PRES EMPHASIZES
RESTORED PARTNERSHIP WITH JAPAN IN WAKE "NIXON
SHOCKS." STATES INDOCHINA COMMENT RENOUNCES VINDICTIVE-
NESS AS POLICY. SAYS POINT 6, ON ECON COOPERATION, IS
WORTH 46 BILLION DOLS, SINCE THAT IS VALUE US
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TRADE WITH AREA. ADDS IMPORTANCE THAT AMOUNT TRADE
SHOULD BE EYE-OPENER TO THOSE WHO THINK US INTERESTS
IN PAC ONLY MIL, IDEOLOGICAL.

LAT'S ELEGANT (12/18) ANALYZES US PAC POLICY, FINDS IT
CLOSE TO PEKING'S. SAYS PRC EVEN MORE CONSERVATIVE
ON KOREAN QUESTION THAN US SINCE PRESENT SITUATION
BLOCKS EXPANSION USSR INFLUENCE THERE. OPINES PRES
HAS REVERSED "NIXON DOCTRINE" THAT WAS "RATIONALE
TO JUSTIFY AND CAMOUFLAGE" PROGRESSIVE US WITHDRAWAL
FROM ASIA, HAS NOW PUT US RIGHT BACK IN ASIA. BELIEVES
PRC, LIKE MOST ASIANS, PLEASED BY FORD'S REAFFIRMATION
US ECON INTERESTS IN SEA, JAPAN, SINCE PEKING SEES US
AS MAJOR ECON BASTION AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSIONISM.
ASIANS WILL JUDGE US BY DEEDS, NOT WORDS, WILL RESPOND
TO ACTIONS THAT ADVANCE SECURITY, STABILITY, PEACE.

10. INDONESIA

LAT (12/17) DECRIES TERRORISM, GIVES DUTCH TRAIN
INCIDENT AS EXAMPLE INTER ALIA THAT COMBINATION OF
PATIENCE, PRESSURE MAY BE PARTIAL ANSWER. NOTES

SAME STRATEGY BEING PURSUED IN AMSTERDAM WHERE
MOLUCCANS HOLD INDO CONSULATE.

FONMIN OF S MOLUCCAN GOVT-IN-EXILE IN NYC WRITES
NYT TO "CLEAR UP...MISCONCEPTIONS" FOLLOWING ATTACK
ON DUTCH TRAIN. STATES GUNMEN SMALL FRINGE GROUP THAT
REPRESENT MINISCULE FRACTION OF MOLUCCANS IN HOLLAND.
SAYS STUGGLE NOT AGAINST DUTCH, BUT AGAINST INDONESIANS.
CALLS GOI ACTION IN TIMOR EXACT TACTIC USLD AGAINST
S MOLLUCAN REP IN 1950; QUOTES PEOPLE INSMOLUCCAS
THAT SITUATION UNDER GOI WORSE THAN UNDER DUTCH
COLONIALISM, JAPANESE OCCUPATION. DENOUNCES FAILURE
WORLD TAKE M0LUCCAN STRUGGLE SERIOUSLY. RECOMMENDS
UN TAKE UP S MOLUCCAN QUESTION.

11. WESTERN PACIFIC

IN ARTICLE ON FLEET DEPLOYMENT, NYT'S FINNEY NOTES ADMIN
DECIDES MAINTAIN 3 CARRIERS IN W PAC INSTEAD OF 2
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PROPOSED EARLIER BY SCHLESINGER. SAYS SECSTATE FAVORS
3 CARRIERS IN W PAC; ISSUE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF
SOURCES OF TENSION BETWEEN HAK, SECDEF, THAT LED TO
PRES' DECISION DISMISS SCHLESINGER. KISSINGER

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